IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Gary A. Benner Confirmation No.:

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Title : SYSTEM FOR ASSEMBLING DENTAL FLOSS

DISPENSER COMPONENTS

Art Unit : 3726

Examiner : David P. Bryant

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is directed to the accompanying request for filing a divisional application, under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of prior pending application Serial No. 10/094,262, filed on March 8, 2002, of Gary A. Benner for "System for Assembling Dental Floss Dispenser Components".

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.